

BIRD BANDING DEPARTMENT

Under the Direction of Wm. I. Lyon, Waukegan, Ill.

REPORT FROM THE BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

Mr. Lincoln has made three field trips for the purpose of doing bird-banding work in your district. The first one during March, 1923, resulted in the banding of 489 ducks at the Sanganois Club near Browning, Illinois. The second trip, made during the fall of the same year, resulted in the banding of 1,338 ducks, while the third trip to the Beaver Islands, in northern Lake Michigan, in the month of July, 1923, resulted in the banding of 658 Caspian Terns and Herring Gulls. The following list indicates the number of banded birds that have been reported from the different states in the territory of the Inland Association from July 1, 1923, to February 1, 1924:

Michigan, 1452; Minnesota, 1175; Illinois, 1088; Ohio, 821; Wisconsin, 715; Iowa, 580; Sask, 560; Manitoba, 549; Indiana, 444; Missouri, 378. Texas, 278; So. Dakota, 243; Tennessee, 50; Kansas, 48; Alberta, 32; Oklahoma, 33—Total, 8,446.

HELP US FORM CHAINS

A suggestion comes from the Biological Survey that we urge every co-operator to endeavor to secure the interest of some person in his neighborhood who might establish a station that would form a connecting link with his own. In this way the basic idea of a chain of trapping stations would be carried out and you will readily see that if a suitable number of persons may be interested, it should ultimately be possible to establish a well connected chain of banding stations.

In selecting this person to co-operate with you, you should be very careful to find someone who has the ability as well as the suitable grounds. If you know of someone that is a desirable and would like to have the Inland Secretary take up the matter by mail, I will be glad to assist in any way that I can. If every co-operator will make an effort to find another person who is interested, or if they will just attempt to get some publicity in their local papers, it will all help the work very much.

We need more matter on Bird Banding. We are not getting enough support from the Banders, themselves, and would like more of the interesting incidents that happen at each banding station. We are very sorry that we are unable to get reports from all of the Banders so that our district total would be larger. As it is now, our district total is only of those that are willing to co-operate with us. Many of those that we write to, do not answer at all, but we feel that we have a report of all those who are interested in the work. If we try to make another report next year, we will have to have more support. In the meantime, please send in the interesting happenings of each season, and help us make this department a success.

"Many specimens of bird and marine life in the Miami, Florida, district," says a newspaper dispatch from that city "have been captured